

Borden Company House, Borden Mines  
AL-V-A-130  
New Hope Road, Frostburg  
circa 1850

This double house is an example of company owned housing which mining companies provided their employees. It is located in the Borden Mining Company's village of Borden Mines. This company arrived in Allegany County during the mid-1840's and constructed houses for miners before the mines were opened in 1850. There were advantages as well as disadvantages for miners occupying company housing; during "slack times" they were less likely to be laid off, but during strikes the possibility of hardship or eviction was great.

The frame building rests on a substantial stone foundation. The two halves are of four rooms each with a common front porch but separate back porches. Wide six over six light sash windows and transomed entrances are original.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Borden Company House, Borden Mines

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

New Hope Road

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY  
Allegany**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

☒ STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
☒ ACCESSIBLE  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

George Lashbaugh

Telephone #: 689-8509

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 2 Box 322

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21532**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 207

Folio #: 655

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Borden Company House is located north of New Hope Road near Frostburg.

This building consists of a two and one-half story, four bays wide rectangular frame structure with german siding. It rests on a high stone foundation of random ashlar with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Eaves consist of a boxed cornice, soffit, and frieze. Wall features include cornerboards and louvered ventilators. One brick chimney is located in the center of the building.

Two main entrances in the center of the northeastern facade have one and two light transoms and replaced doors of nine lights and five panels. Windows are pegged two over two and six over six lights with wooden lugsills. Eight light casement windows are located in the peaks of the gable ends. Two porches on the southwest have shed roofs. A shed roofed porch with wooden posts is on the northeast

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This double house is an example of company owned housing which was rented to George's Creek coal miners. It is located on New Hope Road in the Borden Mining Company's mining village of Borden Mines a mile north of Frostburg.

The Borden Mining Company, which also operated a deep shaft mine in the village of Borden Shaft, built housing for employees before the company's mines were opened in the early 1850's. (1) Katherine Harvey describes this company housing in The Best Dressed Miners:

The double house was typical of this region. These two family dwellings known as "blocks" were usually of frame construction, two stories high, providing three or four rooms and sometimes a shed kitchen for each occupant. (2)

Although most miners would have preferred owning their own homes there were advantages as well as disadvantages to renting company housing:

Families which occupied company housing were particularly vulnerable in times of strikes; on the other hand, the man who rented a company house might be the one retained in slack times. In 1875, when the Borden Company discharged ninety men, they were "those who do not occupy or board in the Company's houses." (3)

In 1865 the house was sold by the Borden Mining Company to the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad Company which probably continued to rent it to miners. (4) In 1928 it was sold to two individuals but now is occupied by a single family. (5)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records  
Scharf, John T. History of Western Maryland Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co., 1882  
Harvey, Katherine A. Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region 1835-1910 Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1969

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA** .53 acres  
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

The frame building rests on a substantial stone foundation. The two halves are of four rooms each with separate shed roofed rear porches. Wide six over six light sash windows and transomed entrances are original. The building is basically unaltered and represents a way of life and an economic system which has mostly disappeared.

- (1) John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co.) p.1444
- (2) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) ,p.83
- (3) Ibid,p89
- (4) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 22, Folio 123
- (5) Ibid, Liber 158, Folio 604 and Liber 194, Folio 652

## TITLE SEARCH

Borden Company House, Borden Mines  
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Allegany County Deed; Liber 207, Folio 655  
Grantee: George R. Lashbaugh and Mildred I. Lashbaugh  
Grantor: Frank J. Lashbaugh and Minnie M. Lashbaugh  
Date: March 23, 1946

Allegany County Deed; Liber 194, Folio 652  
Grantee: Frank J. Lashbaugh and Minnie M. Lashbaugh  
Grantor: Edward J. Ryan, trustee  
Notes: Along New Hope Road between the main tracks of the  
switch back leading to Frostburg at Borden Road  
Date: October 17, 1942

Allegany County Deed: Liber 194, Folio 651  
Grantee: Edward J. Ryan, trustee  
Grantor: Frank J. Lashbaugh, et ux, et al  
Notes: Grantors include heirs of George Mayer  
Date: October 17, 1942

Allegany County Deed: Liber 158, Folio 604  
Grantee: Frank J. Lashbaugh and George Mayer  
Grantor: The Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad Company  
Date: February 14, 1928  
Consideration: \$550.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 22, Folio 123  
Grantee: The Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad Company  
Grantor: The Borden Mining Company  
Notes: 10 acres  
Date: June 30, 1864  
Consideration: \$1,000.00

INVENTORY NO: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: AL-V-A-130

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Borden House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Borden

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: figure it out NE

NAME OF OWNER: George Lashbaugh

ADDRESS: map 23 p. 362 ED 30

Rt 2 Box 322 Frostburg, MD 20765

STORIES: 1( ) 2(1) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4(1) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- German
- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
  - ( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
  - ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
  - ( ) LOG
  - ( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others cornerboards

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2(1) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
18 LIGHT CASSEMENTS IN GABLE END  
pegged(☒) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 2 - 19 light

HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original(☒) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(☒) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original(☒) replaced( )

Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central(☒) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE:

SIGNIFICANCE:

DATE CONSTRUCTED:

CONDITION:



FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side  
 ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep  
 ( ) IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing  
 ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings  
 ( ) DOG-LEG  
 ( ) DOG-LEG with WINDERS  
 ( ) SPIRAL  
 ( ) ROUNDED  
 ( ) SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER  
 ( ) PANELED: original; replaced  
 ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal

MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN  
 ( ) ARCHITRAVE  
 ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS  
 ( ) FLUTED  
 ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS  
 ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

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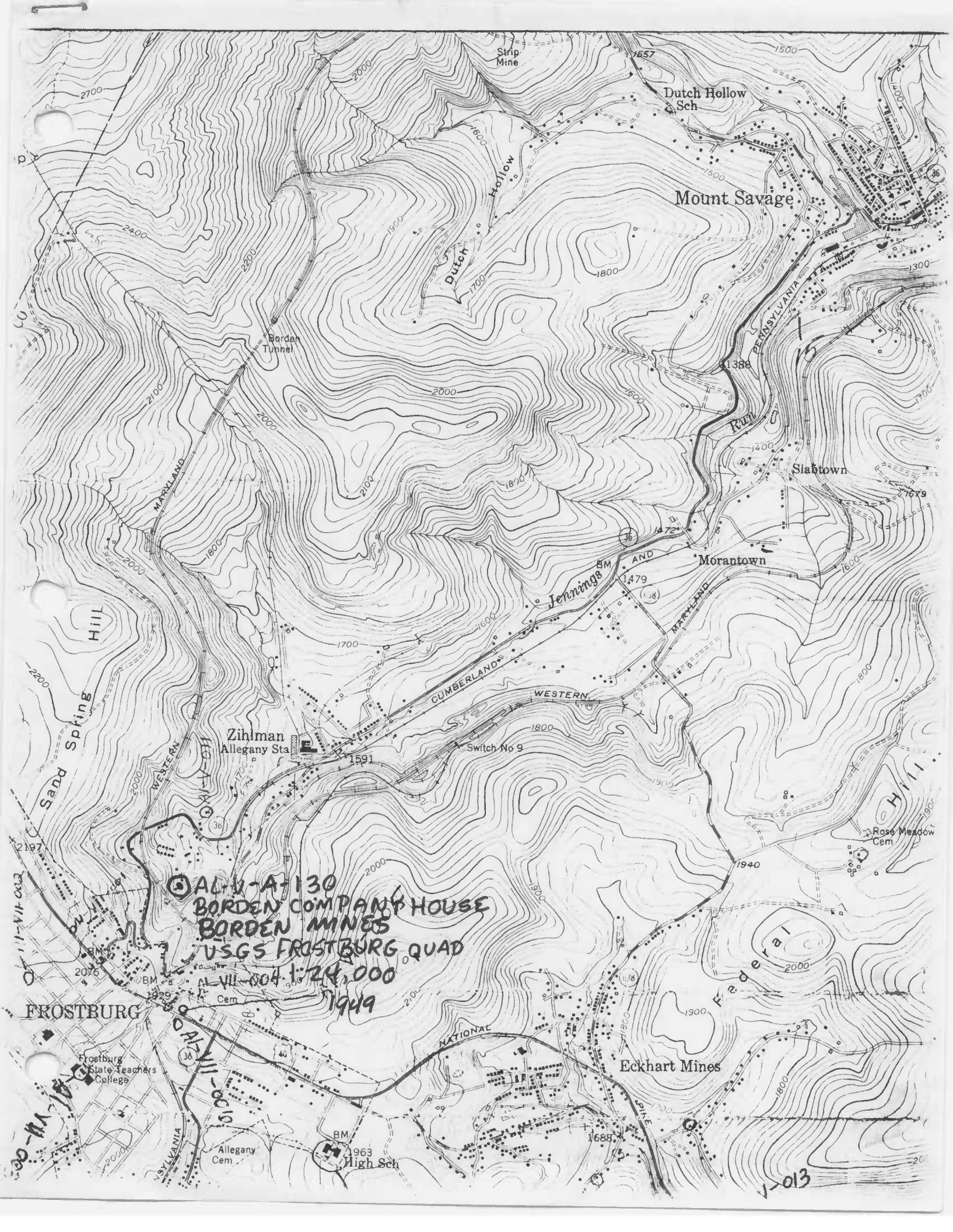
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